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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

REF: GENEVA 6695

1. TREASURY GENERAL COUNSEL RICHARD ALBRECHT MET WITH
DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATTERSON OF THE GATT SECRETARIAT CONCERN-
ING STATUS OF SUBJECT PANELS. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY
CONCERNING POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR LAI AND
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HUSLID, PATTERSON SUGGESTED TAN, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

OF SINGAPORE IN GENEVA, AND TOMIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN, AND BENEDICTSON, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ICELAND IN GENEVA, AS A POSSIBLE GATT EXPERT MEMBER OF PANELS. PATTERSON ALSO THOUGHT HIGHLY OF COLLIANDER AND EGGERT AS POSSIBLE CHAIRMAN OR GATT EXPERT MEMBER BUT INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE. HE ALSO THOUGHT GABRELSON WELL QUALIFIED AND INDICATED HE WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE. WE ADVISED PATTERSON OF OUR DESIRE TO REACH EARLY AGREEMENT ON REPLACEMENTS FOR LAI AND HUSLID AND STATED THAT WE WILL SUBMIT SHORTLY PROPOSED CANDIDATES TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR COMMUNICATION TO EC.

2. WE ALSO ASKED PATTERSON WHETHER SECRETARIAT HAD ANY COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PANELS PROCEDURES WHICH WE HAD SUBMITTED TO THE EC IN JANUARY. PATTERSON STATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS WHEN HE RETURNED TO GENEVA AND RESPOND TO US LATER.

3. US MISSION GENEVA: REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF TAN AND TOMIC TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF SUBJECT PANELS, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF BENEDICTSON TO SERVE AS GATT EXPERT PANEL MEMBER. IF YOU CAN THINK OF ANY OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF PANELS, PLEASE ADVISE. US MISSION EC BRUSSELS: REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF GABRIELSON TO SERVE ON SUBJECT PANELS. KISSINGER

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